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In re Patent Application of:  
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Art Unit: 1623

For: FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY  
CONSUMABLE FILMS CONTAINING AN  
ION EXCHANGE RESIN AS A TASTE  
MASKING AGENT

Examiner: E. Peselev

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The relevance of reference BC can be found on the English-language abstract and from the discussion on page 1, lines 18 & 19 of the specification.

Included in the list of references is a listing of pending published applications of the assignee and namely, 2003-0211136 10/423,398 filed April 25, 2003, publication US 2003/0211136 A1; 10/423,735 filed April 25, 2003, publication US 2003/0206942 A1; 10/081,018 filed February 21, 2002, publication US 2003/0008008 A1; and 10/684778 filed October 14, 2004, publication US 2004/0136922 A1. All of these pending applications claim priority under 35 USC 120 from US Patent 6,596,298 to Leung et al, already of record and considered by the examiner.

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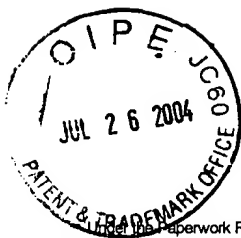
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